



CLEAN CHAMPION AWARDS



2014 Award Winners

The CLEAN Champion Awards – an initiative of the City of Chula Vista’s Resource Conservation Commission – are designed to recognize community members and partners, who are helping to achieve clean air, clean water, and clean land within Chula Vista! In 2014, the following individuals and groups were selected to receive awards and were recognized by the City Council for their local environmental stewardship and achievements.

CLEAN Air

THE MAAC PROJECT

Since it began in 1965, the MAAC Project has focused on helping families create the lives they want and deserve and provides various services to over 35,000 individuals annually. Through its “Healthy Homes Program,” MAAC works to weatherize Chula Vista and other South Bay residents’ homes to help them live more comfortably, while reducing their energy use. This not only helps households save an average of \$350 annually after participating in MAAC’s Healthy Homes Program, but also helps the City of Chula Vista meet its energy and environmental goals.

CLEAN Water

HARRY ORGOVAN, CHULA VISTA KAYAK

Harry Orgovan is the owner and operator of Chula Vista Kayak, a family-oriented kayak rental and tour company based out of Chula Vista’s J Street Marina. Popular tours include expeditions into local wetlands habitat to learn about their ecological importance and to view sensitive species, such as the Light-Footed Clapper Rail and the Eastern Pacific Green Sea Turtle. In addition, Harry serves as the South Bay representative on San Diego Coastkeeper’s Community Advisory Council and is an active docent at the Living Coast Discovery Center.

CLEAN Land

GRACIA Y PAZ COVENANT CHURCH

Garcia Y Paz Covenant Church is a religious congregation in south Chula Vista that has been working to develop a new community garden to serve their members, but also the surrounding neighborhoods. In 2013, the church held multiple community volunteer events to begin establishing the garden, which included constructing planter boxes, installing irrigation systems, and pruning existing fruit trees. When completed, the new “Mosaic Community Garden” will feature over 60 plots and will be the truly first community garden in Chula Vista.

CLEAN Youth

JULIAN ESTRADA

Julian Estrada is a 13-year-old 7th grade student at a local Chula Vista middle school. As part of his community service, Julian requested that his teacher allow him to clean up around his school. Through this effort, Julian removed trash, cleaned storm drain gutters, and identified and removed harmful chemicals that affect the local fauna. Now Julian is preparing a recruiting campaign to have family and friends help him cleanup Rice Canyon.

CLEAN Employee

JOSE DORADO, PROJECT COORDINATOR – CITY HOUSING DIVISION

Jose Dorado is a Project Coordinator in the City’s Housing Division, which implements a suite of services for low and moderate income persons living within Chula Vista. Jose has helped to leverage the Housing Division’s programs to promote sustainability in the community. Jose was instrumental in using the City’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program to purchase a foreclosed property, which was then retrofitted to showcase green building materials and “deep” energy savings. Jose also helped to recruit qualifying homeowners into a special state program that offers solar photovoltaic systems to low-income families at reduced prices.

Congratulations to all the 2014 CLEAN Champion Award Winners!

More information on the City of Chula Vista’s environmental services and programs, including the CLEAN Champion Awards, can be found at www.chulavistaca.gov/clean.